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Melms (fnu), the GOR coal commissioner, demanded that greater efforts be made to reduce the consumption of coal for railroad operations. He added that special demands might be made on the railroads at any time in view of the present political situation.

Comment. The daily coal consumption of the GDR railroads fluctuates between 20,000 and 25,000 tons. Hard coal, brown coal briquettes and recently, mud coal are used. One of the main objectives of the GDR government is to reduce the consumption of coal.

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